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SUBJECT: US-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE - CYPRUS

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1. DEPARTMENT WELCOMES DUTCH MFA CHARACTERIZATION OF
US-EC EXCHANGES ON CYPRUS THROUGH NETHERLANDS PRESIDENCY
OVER LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1976 AS "MODEL OF CONSTRUCTIVE
CONSULTATIONS" (PARA 7 REFTEL B). WE WOULD CERTAINLY ANTI-
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CIPATE AT THIS POINT CONTINUING THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
WITH EC-9 ON CYPRUS WITH BRITISH PRESIDENCY. FURTHERMORE,
AS NOTED REFTEL A, UK HAS HISTORICAL AND TREATY RESPONSIBILITY
AND INTERESTS IN CYPRUS. WE WOULD THUS HOPE TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNIQUE DUAL OPPORTUNITY DURING FIRST SIX
MONTHS OF 1977 TO WORK EXTREMELY CLOSELY WITH FCO, DIRECTLY,
THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THROUGH EMBASSY

LONDON. BUT WE FEEL WE WILL HAVE TO LET HMG ITSELF DETER-
MINE IN ANY GIVEN INSTANCE WHETHER IN DISCUSSING CYPRUS
WITH US IT WILL WANT TO SHARE SUBSTANCE WITH OTHER EIGHT
COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES OR WHETHER IT WILL WANT TO CONFINE
DISCUSSION TO ITSELF. WE WILL, OF COURSE, THROUGHOUT SIX
MONTH PERIOD, HAVE VERY MUCH IN MIND IN CONTINUED DISCUS-
SIONS WITH UK QUESTION OF HOW TO ENHANCE EXISTING US/EC
COOPERATION WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS QUESTIONS. IN SHORT, WE

SBE CYPRUS AS SPECIAL CASE IN CONTEXT US-EC PRESIDENCY
DIALOGUE, PARTICULARLY DURING NEXT SIX MONTHS.

2. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INDICATIONS YOU RECEIVE AS
TO HOW HMG EXPECTS TO HANDLE CYPRUS IN CONTEXT US-EC
PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE.
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